THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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Two small statuettes have been stolen from the Oriental collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The sculptures -- a silver standing Buddha, dated 7th century and measuring 7-5/16 inches high, and a bronze figure of Bodhisattva Padamapani, dated from the 8th to 9th century and measuring 6-1/8 inches high -- were discovered missing from their installation in the Oriental galleries shortly after the Museum opened today (July 7) at 10 a.m.

Value of the stolen objects has been estimated by a Museum spokesman at about $25,000.

The theft is under investigation by the Cleveland Police. Anyone having information regarding the theft is requested to contact the Burglary and Robbery Units of the Cleveland Police.

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For additional information or photographs, please contact Frances Stamper, The Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106; 216/421-7340.

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STANDING BUDDHA

Silver statuette, Thailand, Mon-Dvaravati Period, 7th century. Height 7-5/16 inches. Cleaned, shiny surface, no patina. One lotus petal missing from pedestal. Cleveland Museum of Art accession number "62.168" painted in red on underside of base.

BODHISATTVA PADMAPANI

Copper statuette, Java, Sailendra Period, 8th-9th century. Height 6-1/8 inches. Surface undamaged, no patina. Cleveland Museum of Art accession number "54.125" painted in red on underside of base.

If you have any knowledge of these sculptures, telephone or wire collect The Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. (216) 421-7340. Or notify your local police or FBI office.

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